

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
ADVANCED ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**

I. ADVANCED CERTIFICATE:

A certificate, valid for ten (10) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued to applicants meeting the following requirements:

- A.** Completion of all the requirements listed under the five (5)-year Initial Certificate requirements for an elementary principal;
- B.** Completion of a two (2)-year graduate program culminating in an educational specialist or doctoral degree with a major emphasis in educational administration for preparation of elementary principals approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and
- C.** Recommendation for certification from the designated official of the college/university based upon completion of the approved two (2)-year graduate program for preparation of elementary principals.

II. RENEWAL OF ADVANCED CERTIFICATE:

The advanced certificate may be renewed for ten (10) years by individuals meeting the following requirements:

- A.** A minimum of five (5) years experience in school administration during the previous ten (10) years; or
- B.** Individuals who do not meet requirement A for renewal shall complete a Professional Development Agreement approved by the Commissioner of Education, which includes graduate courses and/or professional development activities equivalent to six (6) hours of graduate credit.